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Hongkong, 18th November, 1907. [26]

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Hongkong, 23rd April, 1908. [24]

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Hongkong, 12th January, 1907. [28]

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Hongkong, 6th January, 1908. [29]

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Hongkong, 8th May, 1908.

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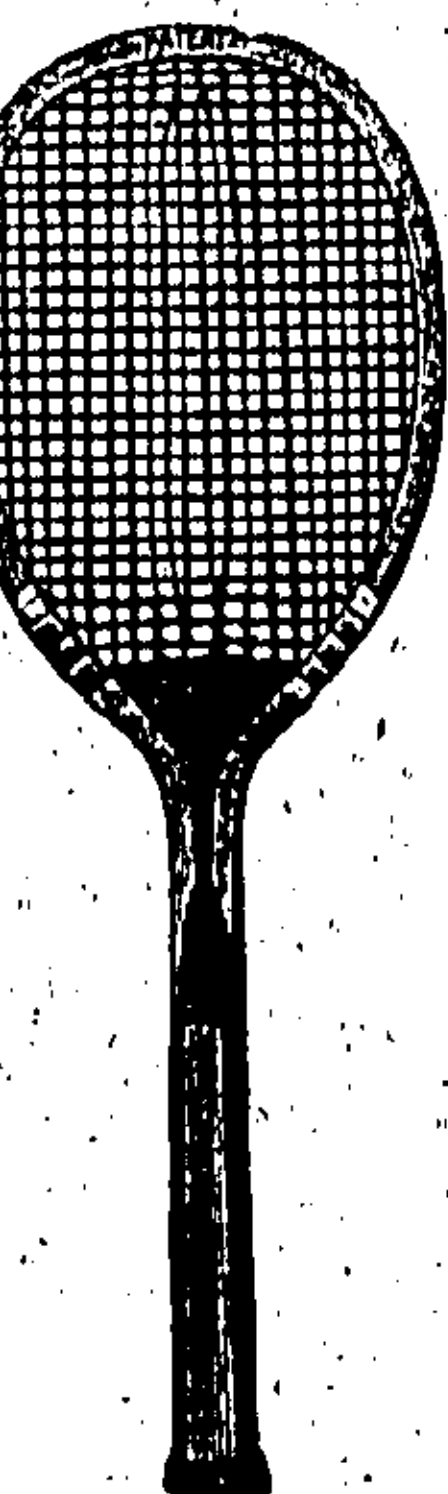
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Hongkong, 11th April, 1908. [40]

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Hongkong, 10th April.

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Hongkong, 1st June, 1907.

A. F. DAVIES,

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Hongkong 6th May 1908.

Auction.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,
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the 9th May, 1908, at 7.30 P.M., at their
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**SUNDRY VALUABLE
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Comprising—
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GLASS, OVERMANTELS with BEVELLED
GLASS, SIDEBOARD and DINNER
WAGGONS with BEVELLED GLASS,
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TEAKWOOD WARDROBES with BE-
VELLED GLASS, TAPESTRY-COVERED
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HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 5th May, 1908. [476]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
For account of the Estate of the late Captain
GEO. PARKER,
TO-MORROW,
the 9th May, 1908, at 2.30 P.M., at their
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HUGHES & HOUGH,
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Hongkong, 7th May, 1908. [483]

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GODOWN CO., LTD.

DURING my absence from the Colony
Mr. R. J. MACGOWAN will Act as
SECRETARY.

By Order,
EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 6th May, 1908. [477]

NOTICE.

ON and after the 8th instant, the NEDER-
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CHAPPIJ (Netherlands Trading Society) will
conduct its business at No. 5, QUEEN'S
ROAD CENTRAL (in the offices now oc-
cupied by the National Bank of China, Ltd.).
J. L. VAN HOUTEN,
Agent,
Nederlandsche Handel-Maatschappij.
Hongkong, 6th May, 1908. [479]

INTERNATIONAL SLEEPING CAR
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EXPRESS TRAINS Co.
(THE
GREAT TRANS-SIBERIAN ROUTE
TO EUROPE.)

HAVING been appointed AGENTS for
the above Company, we shall be
pleased to give any information as to rates of
passage, &c., in connection with above.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 1st July, 1907. [47]

Intimations.

COLD STORAGE.

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY,
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COLD STORAGE available at EAST POINT.
Stores will be Open at 10 A.M. and 4 P.M.
daily, Sunday excepted, to receive and deliver
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WM. DARLANE,
Manager.
Hongkong, 22nd June, 1907. [61]

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ex Factory.

SHEWAN TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 28th April, 1908. [49]

The "Tiger" Disaster.

"SUICIDAL" COURSE.

JURY PRAISE RESCUE WORK OF THE VIKET.

A vivid account of the naval disaster off St. Catherine's Point was given by officers of the Berwick and the Tiger at an inquest yesterday on the body of the man who died after being rescued, says the Morning Leader of 7th April. The only surviving officer of the Tiger, Engineer-Lieut. Vining, frankly admitted it there must have been an error of judgment as to her course; and Capt. Nicholson, of the Berwick, declared that it was suicidal for a destroyer to run between ships steaming "line-ahead." Capt. Nicholson realised what must be the fate of the Tiger immediately he caught sight of her, and had actually given orders to get the boats out and blow the siren before the collision occurred.

The jury expressed no opinion as to the cause of the collision, but paid a tribute to the fleet for its prompt action to prevent greater loss of life.

DISASTER DESCRIBED.

Portsmouth, April 6.
To what is known of the disaster "line-ahead" was added at the coroner's inquest held on Torpedo-Instructor Newman's body at Haslar to-day. But we had for the first time the Berwick's account of the catastrophe.

Her captain, W. C. M. Nicholson, keen-featured, with wind-tanned face, went into the witness chair, and, aided by direct speech and clear-lined diagram, soon conveyed to Mr. Edgar Goble and the jury a sketch of the disaster as viewed from the roof of the chart-house of the colliding cruiser. "It was generous in tone, critical, as it necessarily became as it proceeded. 'You think, sir, you are asking me to give evidence that ought to come from the other ship?' he asked once, and, intimated by hesitation on another occasion. Still, in almost monosyllabic replies at first, and something approaching speeches when he discovered how interested the jury was, Capt. Nicholson gave, when pieced together, what proved to be a vivid story of the disaster.

JURY'S DISCOMFORT.

Half a dozen shivering individuals, including telegraph messengers, constituted the great British public in the uncomfortable instruction room where the inquiry was held, a juryman's cap wedged in a broken window pane and a reporter's coat stuffed in a hole in the wall to keep out some of the cutting draughts that the uncloseable windows failed to shield. The coroner at the start had formally complained of the lack of courtesy of the Admiralty in not even supplying him with a draft of the evidence on which the inquiry was to turn, so the discomforts of other people in the room set up a sort of kindred feeling, and following the example of Engineer-Lieut. Vining, they put on overcoats, and even headgear.

CUT LIKE A RAM.

Capt. Nicholson was first questioned on the construction of his vessel, with her four-inch steel plate coming down to about 15 in. at the stem. "But she would not be capable of giving a more cutting blow," he said, "than other ships, all of which were fitted with a ram until quite recently."

The witness narrated how the six ships of the Home Fleet went out from Spithead last Thursday afternoon, knowing they were to be attacked by the torpedo flotilla somewhere between there and Portland. The destroyers delivered their first attack at quarter-past seven, when it was just drawing to darkness.

He imagined then that the destroyers would have been of advantage to them an hour later, when the fatal attack occurred. The evidence, however, disagreed with information collected by the newspapers as to the character of the night. In Capt. Nicholson's opinion it was dark, but clear, and without rain, and he declared that at the time of the disaster he could see St. Catherine's light—placed by Navigation-Lieut. Strutt at 18 miles' distance.

"Did the Tiger come into collision with the Berwick, or the Berwick with the Tiger?" asked Mr. Goble pointedly.

"The two must have met, or there would have been no accident," replied the captain, who, without waiting for the completion of the coroner's supplementary question, added: "I think I might put it that the Berwick rammed the Tiger."

COLLISION INEVITABLE.

Hastily drawing a diagram for the jury as he spoke, Capt. Nicholson explained that while the Berwick was steaming at ten knots he saw the Tiger coming towards him at a very much faster speed than he was travelling—going ahead of the Berwick. "He had previously seen a Very light go up, indicating that a destroyer was claiming a hit, and he had seen something (it might have been light escaping from a badly-closed hatchway) that made him suspect that there was a torpedo-boat hovering about; but when the mass 'loomed' in the darkness, it was only from 60 to 100 yards from the cruiser. He said to himself, 'Good Lord! there is one under our bows,' and immediately realised that a collision was inevitable."

"Directly I sighted the destroyer," declared the captain, "I gave the orders:

Stop her!
Blow three blasts on the siren!
Hoist position lights!
Away all boats!

These orders were all given before the actual impact, and the jury wanted information about them. But Capt. Nicholson, not wishing his narrative interrupted, told how the navigating lieutenant asked, "Shall I port?" "Hard at port!" shouted the skipper.

"And then the crash came. Capt. Nicholson said he felt the impact distinctly; Lieut. Strutt only slightly."

PRECAUTIONARY ORDERS.

Having explained to the jury that the sounding of the three blasts was an indication to the fleet that he was going astern, and that the signal was made to avoid collision with the Gladiator and cruiser following him, Capt.

Nicholson, whose recital of events must have been much longer than their actual happening, continued: "I then 'said to the navigating officer, 'Stop when the ship is stopped,' explaining that although he had given the precautionary order, 'Away all boats,' it simply meant that they were to be lowered to the water's edge to be hoisted when the great cruiser came to a standstill."

The tragedy initiated in the darkness was completed in the darkness. Not a single searchlight was turned on until the Tiger, discovered practically under the Berwick's bows, was cut right in halves. The captain saw the two parts floating past his stern—the bow part of the Tiger stern in the air.

Then the searchlights of the fleet, shrouded during the evolutions, were turned on, boats were lowered, the Forte and several destroyers remained on the scene till daylight. Poor Newman, whose fate had been forgotten during this exciting evidence, was picked up, it transpired, exhausted, and died on the way back to Spithead on the Gladiator.

A "SUICIDAL" ACT.

It was left to a juryman to hit the very point that everybody was wanted to know. When Lieut. Strutt had confirmed his chief's edifying narrative he was asked through the foreman of the jury if it was usual for torpedo-boats to run between ships steaming line ahead at two cables distance apart (24 yards)?

"I should say it was not," declared the lieutenant emphatically.

Capt. Nicholson jumped to his feet with the remark: "It is so highly dangerous that every officer in command would do his utmost not to do it."

The Foreman: Is it done?—Capt. Nicholson: I dare say there has been a record of a man doing it. It is a suicidal thing to do—you would not give a man an order to blow up his own boat.

Have you ever known it done?—I don't recall to my mind a single instance when the fleet has been under way of a destroyer trying to get between the ships. There may be cases of the destroyers seeking to head off a fleet. But a torpedo is just as effective against one 'beam' as another; it is the reverse when a destroyer passes a ship stem on.

PERHAPS THEY DID NOT KNOW.

There would be no object at all in the Tiger passing through the Fleet lines—and, indeed, Capt. Nicholson objected to the use of the words "trying to pass through the lines," because perhaps, he said sympathetically, "the poor fellows did not know that they were passing in front of the cruiser."

Surgeon Hall, of the Gladiator, having declared that the boat and ship's crews did their best to restore P.O. Newman to consciousness after he had been picked up, Engineer Lieut. Vining, the sole surviving officer of the ill-fated Tiger, told his story. Nothing went wrong, he declared, with the machinery, and at the time of the collision they were travelling at about 20 knots. Lieut. Commander Middleton was in charge of the course.

"Was a torpedo fired?" asked the coroner.

"No torpedoes were fired that night; but two or three minutes before the collision we fired a Very light to indicate that we had torpedoed the Prince George. This ship was passing away on our port quarter, when suddenly I caught sight of the ram of the Berwick about 20 ft off. It appeared to be coming towards us at about 10 knots. A moment later the ram cut right through the Tiger just in front of me, between the middle and the aft funnel."

"Up to that time all the machinery had worked smoothly, and well, and all the orders given by the commander were carried out. After firing the Very light at the Prince George the battleship passed away on the port quarter, and the Tiger advanced to the attack on the Berwick, meeting her as she was coming up."

"MUST HAVE BEEN AN ERROR."

The Coroner: You can give no reason why the course was altered?—No, except that it must have been an error of judgment.

Mr. Vining, describing the scene at the time of the collision and the rescue operations, expressed every satisfaction at the way the crew had behaved.

The jury found that the cause of the death of Torpedo Instructor Newman was drowning by the sinking of H.M.S. Tiger.

We cannot come to any decision as to the two ships colliding, (added the jury); but we express admiration for the prompt action taken by the fleet at the moment of the accident and our admiration of the coolness and bravery shown by the officers and crew of the Tiger.

Intimations.

THE
CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND
MORTGAGE CO., LD.

(CAPITAL PAID UP\$1,250,000)

Loans on Mortgage of House Property, &c.
Goods received on Storage.
Advances made on Merchandise.

Loans made on the Provident System.
(Rates and Particulars on application).

THE OFFICE OF
TRUSTEE, EXECUTOR OF WILLS,
ATTORNEY, &c.,
Undertaken and Executed.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1908. [48]

FAHST BREWING COMPANY,
MILWAUKEE.

FRESH SUPPLIES

ALWAYS KEPT IN STOCK
BY
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents for
HONGKONG & SOUTH CHINA.
Hongkong, 29th July, 1907. [51]

Intimations.

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TONIC, RESTORATIVE, DIGESTIVE WINE
Very palatable.
Known throughout the world and prescribed in all cases of
Anemia, Debility and Convalescence, to young women, children
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Dose: One wine-glass after the two principal meals.
Each bottle of genuine VIN SAINT-RAPHAEL bears, in addition
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CLETEAS is a MELISSA and MINT cordial
which surpasses all others by its
purity and faultless preparation. To be taken on a lump of sugar.
COMPAGNIE du VIN SAINT-RAPHAEL, Valence (Drôme-France).
J. LOBBE & CO., 33 & 35, Hongkong.

LOST.

ON May 3rd, GOLD SIGNET RING
SET with Bloodstone. Finder will be
rewarded.

Apply—
Major C. H. GRACE,
105th Mahratta, L.I.
Hongkong, 6th May, 1908. [478]

"OLIVER" TYPEWRITER: No 10224.

WILL the owner of this Machine kindly
communicate with

"VERTEX,"
C/o Hongkong Telegraph.
Hongkong, 7th May, 1908. [482]

A. CHAZALON & CO.,

6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

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CULF'S HEAD & HAM,
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CHICKEN & HAM,
VEAL & GAME PATES,

MUTTON & CHICKEN CURRY,
ASSORTED SCUPS,
FRENCH JAM &
FRUITS IN SYRUP, &c.

Hongkong, 8th May, 1908. [53]

LEE YEE

HAIR DRESSING SALOON.

HAS ALWAYS ON HAND,
CIGARS, CIGARETTES
AND

TOILET REQUISITES
FOR SALE.

12, D'AGUIAR STREET,
HONGKONG,
Hongkong, 3rd September, 1907. [16]

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STOCK OF

BICYCLES and

ACCESSORIES

at 50 % less than usual

prices for one week only,

to clear our old stock

and make room for our

new shops at Nos. 33 &

35, Des Vœux Road.

Begin from TUESDAY, the 8th

MARCH.

Remember we will Remove to our

Shops on the 7th inst.

DRAGON CYCLE

DEPOT.

33 & 35 DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, 4th May, 1908. [51]

To Let.

TO LET.

NOS. 4 and 8, LEIGHTON HILL
ROAD.

Apply to—
HONGKONG AND KOWLOON
LAND AND LOAN CO., LD.,
No. 8, Queen's Road West.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1908. [126]

TO LET.

A HOUSE in KNOTTSFORD TERRACE,
Kowloon.

Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1908. [159]

TO LET.

CHAMBERS—in No. 2, WYNDHAM
STREET, late Hotel Baltimore, rent
moderate.

First Floor of No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD,
Central, containing 6 Rooms and Servants'
Quarters.

ONE ROOM with Verandah and a SMALL
ROOM on the Second Floor of No. 8 DES
VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL, above our office,
suitable for Business Premises or Dwelling.

Apply to—
DAVID SASSOON & Co., LD.
Hongkong, 6th April, 1908. [57]

TO LET.

ONE FOUR-ROOMED HOUSE, at
PRAYA EAST, near East Point.

Apply to—
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.,
Hongkong, 21st March, 1908. [338]

TO LET.

OFFICES and ROOMS on the 1st and 2nd
Floors of No. 14, Des Vœux Road
Central (formerly occupied by Messrs. Shewan,
Tomes & Co.)

Apply to—
THE COMPADORE DEPARTMENT,
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.,
Connaught Road Central.
Hongkong, 24th February, 1908. [188]

TO LET.

HATHERLEIGH, CONDUIT ROAD.

OFFICES in YORK BUILDING,
GODOWNS in PRAYA EAST, BLUE
BUILDINGS, and No. 10, DES VŒUX
ROAD near the Hongkong Hotel.

FLATS in MORETON TERRACE.
OFFICES on TOP FLOOR, No. 2, CON-
NAUGHT ROAD, facing the Cricket
Ground.

No. 10, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL,
1st Floor.

Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, 10th April, 1908. [66]

TO LET.

4-ROOMED HOUSES in GAP ROAD near
the Race Course within easy access to the
Lower Level Tramway. Rent very moderate.

FLATS for Europeans in WILD DELL
BUILDINGS, No. 147, Wanchai Road.

Apply to—
PERCY SMITH & SETH.
Hongkong, 16th December, 1907. [12]

Dentistry.

Dr. M. H. HAUN,

THE LATEST METHOD

of the

AMERICAN SYSTEM OF DENTISTRY

35, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,

From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1908. [100]

Tsin Ting.

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REASONABLE FEES.

Consultation free.

Hongkong, 2nd June, 1908. [100]

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AND

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Hongkong, 7th April, 1908

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DEATH.

Filomena M. Freire e Hyndman, seu esposa
e filha, Floriza Freire (auctente), Francisco
V. Freire (auctente), Bellarmine M. Freire e
Demea, seu esposo e filha (auctente), Maria T.
Freire, com profunda magua participam a
todos os seus parentes e pessoas de sua
relação, o falecimento de sua mãe extrema
Mde. Sogra e Avó CAPITULINA MARIA
FREIRE, que teve lugar no dia 5 do corrente
às 5 p.m. em sua casa Rua de São José No. 8,
Macau—e ragao se lembrem della nas suas
orações.
Macau, 6 de maio de 1908.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1908.

U. S. FLAG AND CHINA.

Manila papers publish a Washington tele-
gram, of the 2nd inst., which advises that
it has been decided by a meeting of the
Cabinet that it would not be wise at this
time for the battleship fleet to visit China.
It is feared that the visit would be misinter-
preted as an evidence of a disposition on
the part of the United States to support
China in her controversy with Japan. This
conclusion has been reached by the
Washington authorities, it is said, after con-
sidering some of the reports from Govern-
ment agents in the Far East, who indicate
that such a construction is being placed upon
the proposed visit by many of the people of
China, who are interested by the boycott.
That such a conclusion is based upon no

grounds of actual fact, those in a position to
correctly gauge the strength and promptings
of the boycott movement will find no diffi-
culty in arriving at the opinion. The agitation
originated in Canton altogether apart from
extraneous international considerations, and
it has been sustained and developed merely
by the admirable unity which the wonder-
ful organization of the different guilds has
made it possible to secure throughout the
length and breadth of the Southern Pro-
vinces. Notwithstanding this fact, the sur-
mises entertained by those not so closely
in touch with the *modus operandi* of the Self-
Government Society in Canton show how the
real motives of the Cantonese may be mis-
construed when it comes to a criticism of
their actions, which are of such importance
when considered from the commercial and
economic standpoint. The *Cablenews-Ameri-
can*, of Manila, considers that if the battle-
ship fleet omits China from its visiting list,
as now proposed, it will be in deference to the
wishes of Japan; or rather, so as not to offend
Japan. It advances the opinion that "China
and Japan are enemies. China distrusts
Japan's intentions in Manchuria. After the
war with Russia the integrity of Manchuria
as a part of China was promised by Japan,
with the exceptions of Dalny and Port Ar-
thur, which had been Russia's holding for
years. Japan took over from Russia as the
spoils of war the continuation of the Siberian
railway through Manchuria. Meanwhile
Japan has built up in Manchuria a Japanese
colony. China has watched this jealousy
for three years and when refused by Japan
the right to construct a Chinese railway in
Manchuria, China revolted. China failed to
understand why in one of her own provinces,
she could not have at least the same privi-
leges as Japan. On top of this came the
affair of the *Tsushima*. Japanese
steamship owners were caught red-handed
shipping rifles and cartridges into Macao
with the connivance of the Japanese Gov-
ernment. These arms were for rebels
against the Chinese Government. China
seized the vessel in Chinese waters. Japan
made China restore arms and vessel and
apologize humbly. Then the merchants
of Canton, near which the outrage took
place, boycotted Japan. This boycott is
hurting Japanese trade seriously. Japan
is almost bankrupt. There have been scores
of failures of business houses there. A
prolonged boycott might ruin Japan. There-
fore she has sent her warships along the
China coast to show her might and to warn
the Chinese that they must trade with her."
Upon the foregoing assumptions, the Manila
journal concludes that "China looks to
America for protection not only against
Japan, but against all the land-grabbing
nations of Europe. China invited our battle-
ship fleet to visit there to impress the
Japanese with the friendship between the
United States and China. Japan has
evidently succeeded in causing a change of
plans. It can hardly injure America either
way."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A RUMOUR was in circulation throughout
the city to-day to the effect that one of the bridges
of the Kowloon-Canton Railway had collapsed
and that several persons had been killed. On
inquiries being made by a representative of
this paper we were informed that the rumour
had no foundation in fact. It is understood
that this story originated with persons who
have an animus against the Railway Company,
and who have taken this means of airing their
grievances.

A CHINESE woman whose name could not be
ascertained was removed to the Government
Civil Hospital about 1 o'clock yesterday after-
noon suffering from severe injuries from which
she is not likely to recover. The woman, who
lives at 87, Hollywood Road, was engaged in
hanging out some linen on the drying poles
attached to the verandah, when the stool, upon
which she was standing, slipped from under
her and she was precipitated to the street—a
distance of some thirty feet. She was picked
up in an unconscious condition as already
stated.

BURONIC plague in its most virulent form has
been seen at Hongkong. Twenty-
nine cases were reported for last week. The
Manila Times, of 4th inst., says: "Dr. Heiser,
chief quarantine officer of the Philippines, said
this morning that Amoy and all China coast
cities where no American quarantine officers
were stationed would be quarantined against
entrance to Manila, the length of quarantine
being nine days. Unless vessels arriving from
those ports can show proper quarantine papers
they will be detained at Mariveles on arrival
there. Ports such as Hongkong where Ameri-
can stations are established will not be sub-
jected to quarantine regulations."

It will be of interest in seafaring circles to
know that Captain Connor, long and well
known in the East, has returned to Japan and
joined the service of the Pacific Mail Company.
His record in the East is a varied one. He has
commanded ships for the Pacific Mail, for the
old Vitruvian, and for the Nippon Yusen
Kai-sha, and afterwards served as Lloyd's
Surveyor at Yokohama. Captain Connor, adds
the *Japan Gazette*, has had the pleasure of
knowing the high appreciation in which he is
held, for recently a rumour of his death got
abroad and a glowing obituary appeared in
Shanghai. His many friends will wish him
success in his new sphere, with good health
and long life.

THE HOTEL TRAGEDY.

IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUICIDE.

Inquiries made by a *Hongkong Telegraph* re-
porter to-day relative to the suicide of Mr. F. W.
Mackenzie, which took place yesterday after-
noon, in the Oriental Hotel, elicited the infor-
mation that the deceased left two letters address-
ed to friends or relatives, in which, it is pre-
sumed, the motive for his suicide is explained.
The deceased was a man about fifty years of
age, well built and well preserved, and had
been employed in the Quartermaster's depart-
ment of the United States, at Manila, as log
an ensign since 1903. He has been a
frequent visitor to Hongkong and was quite
well known here. He arrived here by the last
Canadian liner from Vancouver, where he had
come on a twelve months' holiday.

LOSS OF THE "MATSHIMA".

MANILA'S SYMPATHY.

The Governor-General, immediately upon
receiving word of the loss of the Japanese war
vessel *Matshima*, sent the following tele-
gram to the Japanese consul:

Baguio, May 2, 1908.
His Imperial Japanese Majesty's Consul,
Manila.

Have received sad news of loss of *Matshima*,
with her captain and fifty officers and
men. Permit me to say that this accident,
with its accompanying loss of life and property,
has caused all of us profound sorrow and
regret. Our sorrow is all the more keen in
view of the fact that the captain of the *Matshima*
and those who lost their lives with him,
were but lately our guests and during their
brief stay had won for themselves the deep
regard of every one with whom they came in
contact.—SMITH.

VIOLENT HEADQUARTERS
ROBBED.

CLEVER CAPTURE BY A POLICEMAN.

While Policeman Glendonning was patrolling
his beat last evening in Queen's Road East he
discovered a Chinaman making surreptitious
movements, which aroused his suspicions.
The policeman got into a doorway and watched
the Chinaman's actions and found that he
was playing a little game of his own.
Eventually, after observing the motions of the
Chinaman who, unfortunately for himself, came
too near the doorway in which the policeman
was concealed, was apprehended and taken
before the Court this morning. Apparently
he was a most aristocratic gentleman as he
wore a pair of silk pyjamas under his usual
attire and also had in his possession other
odds and ends which other people claimed.
At the Magistracy, to-day, he was charged
with stealing \$15 worth of property belong-
ing to Sergeant-Major Higby, and return-
ing from banishment. A marine store dealer,
who resides at Upper Lascar Row, was also
arraigned on a charge of receiving stolen prop-
erty from the first defendant. The coolie
was sentenced to four months' hard labour,
and the case against the store dealer was dis-
charged.

S.S. "NEIL MACLEOD".

OFFICIAL TRIAL TRIP.

An official trial trip of the recently fitted
inter-island steamer *Neil Macleod* was made at
Manila on 3rd inst. from the Company Mariti-
ma's wharf in the river to Corregidor and
back. The party aboard was of an official
character, consisting of those personally con-
nected with shipping. Mr. Hubert T. Fox, of
Smith, Bell and Company, F. S. Cairns,
George Gilchrist, and others were present to
test the *Neil's* sea-going speed and this proved
eminently satisfactory.

The run to Corregidor was at the rate of
eleven miles per hour and the steamer en-
circled that island, returning again to Manila.
Since her overhaul by the Hongkong and
Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., she is as good as
new and when she takes up the regular run to
Cebu, there is no doubt she will make some
record trips. Captain Valdes, late of the
Francisco Reyer, will command the *Neil
Macleod*.

MANILA is to entertain the officers and sailors
of the battleship fleet in handsome manner.
That has been determined on by the Merchants'
Association. At its meeting on 4th inst. special
committees were appointed to arrange the
plans for the entertainment. At the same
time a strong effort will be made to persuade
the President to leave the fleet in the Philip-
pines for many weeks. According to the pre-
sent plans the fleet will stay there but two
weeks or so.

An extraordinary incident is related in a New
York paper. Overcome by laughter at a joke
by a member of the company at a party she
was attending, Mrs. Anna Ferrier, a widow, 42
years of age, was unable to stop the laughing
proxym. She fell to the floor and was lifted
back into her chair, gasping for breath, and
before the horrified guests realised that any-
thing serious was the matter she was dying.
Before a physician who was summoned could
reach the house she was dead.

By kind permission of Major R. Le H. Burion
and Officers Commanding, the Band of the
Third Battalion "The Duke of Cambridge's
Own" (Middlesex Regiment) will play the
following programme of music, during dinner,
at the Hongkong Hotel, to-morrow, the 9th
inst.:

March..... "The Black Horse"..... Band
Valse..... "Terror D'Amour"..... Waldteufel
Selection..... "Miss Hook of Holland"..... Robins
Andante..... "Melody in F"..... Rubinstein
Overture..... "The Village Festival"..... O'Keefe
Bolero..... "To Son in Rome"..... Medford
Selection..... "The Merry Widow"..... Lohse
(By request)
Gavotte..... "Eulalie"..... Parlow
Regimental Marches..... Parlow
God Bless the Prince of Wales..... Parlow
God Save the King..... Parlow

CANTON DAY BY DAY.

A NAVAL RETURN.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 7th May.

In accordance with instructions received
from the Board of War at the Capital, the
Canton Viceroy has ordered a list of the gun-
boats, torpedo boats and other war vessels in
the Southern Capital to be prepared; it will be
forwarded to that Board for information as
preparatory steps are to be taken for the
reorganisation of the Chinese Navy.

ROBBERS ARRESTED.

Yesterday morning three men were arrested
by the water police as they were leaving one of
the steamers which had arrived here from
Hongkong. It is alleged that these men com-
mitted highway robbery in the interior last
year, and then fled to Hongkong for refuge.
They have long been wanted by the officials
and when they returned to Canton yesterday
morning they were detected by a police officer
and arrested.

OFFICIALS' HOUSE BURGLARISED.

On the night of the 6th inst. at Tsoi Wong's
house, in Lung Tsang street, inside the city,
was entered by some robbers and valuable
articles worth over three thousand dollars were
carried away. Yesterday the Namhoi magis-
trate personally made an inspection of the
house and has sent out detectives to hunt for
the robbers.

A STRAITS SETTLEMENTS CASE.

WATCHMAKER ACCUSED OF STEALING
A DIAMOND RING.

At the Police Court, this morning, Ng Yau,
alias Ng Yin, a watchmaker, of 58, Queen's
Road Central, was arraigned on a charge of
being in unlawful possession of a diamond
ring, valued at \$80, which, the prosecution al-
leged, had been stolen outside of this Colony.
Mr. Otto Kong Sing appeared for the prosecu-
tion. It was stated that the accused was at one
time employed in a jeweller's establishment in
the Straits Settlements. He is alleged to have
departed from there with about \$3,000 worth
of jewellery belonging to his employer—a man
named Ng Ah Tak. Arriving in Hongkong,
strange to relate, one of the first persons whom
he met was Ng Ah Tak, his former employer,
who once recognised a diamond ring which ac-
cused was wearing as that corresponding to the
one he had lost some days before he left the
Straits Settlements. Ng Ah Tak reported the
matter to the police and had the accused
arrested. The case was brought before Mr.
H. Kemp, and was remanded for a week.

FIRE IN MANILA.

THE GIRALDA BUILDING DESTROYED.

San Miguel district was visited by fire last
evening, reports the *Manila Times* of 2nd inst.,
when the Giralda building, formerly used as
curses' quarters, No. 570 Calle General Solano,
was almost totally destroyed by fire. The
building was at one time the Giralda cigar
factory, was later known as the Giralda Hotel,
was then used by the St. Louis Exposition
Board, and since that time and till recently
used as quarters for nurses employed at the
military hospital.

The alarm of fire was turned in from box
No. 71 at the corner of Calles General Solano
and Ayala at 7.38 p.m. the Tandany fire com-
pany and the engine from San'a Cruz respond-
ing. The flames were confined to the one
building although for a time many of the
residents in the immediate neighbourhood be-
lieved their property was in danger. The police
reserve from Sampaloc station was on hand to
assist in maintaining order and it was not long
after the firemen had two streams playing on
the flames that the fire was reported under
control.

The cause of the fire seems to be consid-
ered a mystery, as the house was not occu-
pied at the time and was in charge of a Fili-
pino caretaker who resides in a wing on the
ground floor, while the flames were first dis-
covered issuing from an attic window on the
Paisig river side of the house. The building
was estimated to be worth P20,000 and the
damages will reach close to P30,000 which is
fully covered by insurance.

CHINA is moving steadily toward the goal of
industrial independence. Her latest effort in
that direction is to establish a Government
printing office, so that there will be no necessity
of drawing upon foreigners for such things as
postage stamps, stamp duty certificates, bank
notes and other official paper. The American
experience with Government printing is not
likely to have commended itself to the Chinese,
who are a thrifty people, but perhaps they have
investigated the matter thoroughly and see
ways of effecting savings which we are not
disposed to embrace. There is no doubt if they
set themselves to it the managers of a govern-
mental printing establishment in China can
give points in economy of production to waste
ful Americans.—*San Francisco Chronicle*.

THE Chinese General Customs Bureau has
issued instructions to Customs houses in all
parts of China, reminding them that the im-
portation of copper without Government per-
mission is strictly prohibited; it having been
arranged with the Japanese Government that
the shipment of copper to China should not be
allowed by the Japanese Customs authorities
before notification of such shipment has been
given to the Chinese Government. Lately the
value of copper coins has heavily depreciated
in all parts of China, especially in Peking,
to the great detriment of the currency system.
The state of things is regarded as due to the
fact that copper has been freely imported to
make counterfeit coins. The Customs authori-
ties are therefore instructed to exercise all
their energies in putting a stop to the smug-
gling of copper.

WATKINS, LIMITED.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The report of the general managers to be
presented at the ninth ordinary annual meet-
ing of shareholders to be held at the company's
office, at noon, on Saturday, the 30th May,
1908, is as follows:—
Gentlemen,—We beg to submit to you our
report and statement of the accounts of the
company for the year ended the 31st Decem-
ber, 1907.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.
The result for the year shows a profit of
\$13,282.32, to which must be added rents re-
ceivable \$522.22; banking interest and transfer
fees \$52.24, making a total of \$13,956.78.

This year general managers find necessary
to allocate to meet interest on mortgage and
loans \$2,339.15; depreciation \$971.54; reserve
for doubtful debts, \$1,726.96; building depre-
ciation reserve \$3,000, and loss on subsidiary
coins and exchange \$1,963.55, leaving a
balance of \$754.58 to carry forward to next
account.

AUDITORS.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs.
Lowe and Bingham.

CHAM A. FOOK,
G. A. WATKINS,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1908.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1907.

To Mortgage interest	\$1,400.00
Interest on loan and overdrafts	1,139.15
Depreciation—	
Shop fittings and furniture	at 15%.....\$1,710.46
Stock in trade	 226.08
	3,974.54
To Reserve for doubtful debts	 1,726.96
Building depreciation reserve	 3,000.00
Loss on subsidiary	
coinage	 1,393.55
Loss on sterling ex-	
change	 1,570.00
Balance carried to next account	754.58
	\$13,956.78
By Balance of working account	 \$13,282.32
Rent Receivable	 522.22
Bank interest and transfer fees	 52.24
	\$13,956.78

BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1907.

Liabilities.

Capital:—	
10,000 shares of \$10 each, fully paid	\$100,000.00
Creditors:—	
Loans payable	\$2,000.00
Trade creditors	
Acceptances	7,999.68
Open accounts	4,227.04
Unclaimed dividends	466.10
	14,692.82
Building Depreciation Reserve Account:—	
As per balance sheet 31st	
December, 1906	\$3,000.00
Amount transferred from	
1907 profit	2,000.00
	5,000.00
Reserve for Doubtful Debts:—	
As per balance sheet 31st	
December, 1906	\$3,252.76
Transferred from 1907	
profits	1,216.96
	\$4,469.72

Add:

Recoveries in 1907 less	
bad debts written off	22.28
	5,000.00
Profit and loss account	754.58
	\$135,447.40

Assets.

Buildings:—	
As per last balance sheet	
31st December, 1906	
(see reserve per	
contra)	\$169,924

Additions and improve-

ments during year	300.00
	\$27,209.24

Furniture and Fittings:—

As per balance sheet at	
31st Dec, 1906	11,403.99
Less depreciation at 15 per	
cent	1,710.46
	9,693.53

Additions during the year

	32.55
	9,726.08

Aerated Water Plant:—

As per balance sheet 31st	
December, 1906	\$516.90
Stock on Hand (sterling	
exchange 1/10 3/4)	\$66,357.51

Less depreciation

written off	
1906 Profits	3,373.92
Less depreciation	
written off	
1907 Profits	2,242.05
	6,000.00

Debtors:—

Trade	\$16,966.37
sundries	2,601.04
	19,567.41

Unexpired fire insur-

ance and licences	1,105.17
Cash:	
Russo-Chinese Bank	\$1,601.31
Hongkong & Shanghai	
Banking Corporation	45.10
In hand	739.58
	2,385.99

A STRANGE dispute has arisen at Yokohama
concerning the ownership of a foreign dog. It
is alleged, according to the *Japan Gazette*,
that about a week ago Mr. E. H. Taka-
received a male dog from one of his friends at
Kobe. The woman was looking after it
under his employer's instructions. On the mor-
ning of the 20th ult. a certain Frenchman came
privately and took away the dog. At the police
station, the Frenchman denied the statement
of the woman, insisting that the dog had
been sent to him from Austria. The dispute
remains unsettled, on the ground that no
reliable evidence has been produced by either
party.

Telegrams.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH"
SERVICE.

ANTI-OPIMUM CAMPAIGN.

DRASTIC REGULATIONS FOR
THE ARMY.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."] Peking, 7th May.

H.E. Tsi Liang, president of the Ministry
of War, has drawn up a set of anti-opium
regulations for the Army.

One of these regulations provides that
any soldier found guilty of opium smoking
shall be punishable by death.

PICBROY CHANG'S TOUR.

KWEILIN NOT VISITED.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."] Peking, 7th May.

A telegraphic despatch has been received
from H.E. Chang Jen-chun, of Canton, in
which His Excellency states that, after a
tour of inspection on the East, West, and
North Rivers, he returned to Canton without
visiting Kweilin, the capital of Kwangsi.

CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT.

DISCUSSION POSTPONED.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."] Peking, 7th May.

Yesterday a meeting of the Grand Council
was held to discuss the question of a Par-
liament for China.

It was decided to postpone consideration
of the question for three years on the ground
that the people are not yet sufficiently edu-
cated to an appreciation of Constitutional
Government.

THE EMPEROR'S ILLNESS.

UNABLE TO ATTEND CER-
EMONIALS.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."] Peking, 7th May.

The Emperor has not yet recovered from
his recent illness.

His Majesty has instructed His Highness
Prince Chun to act for him on the occasion
of the sacrificial worship on the 10th

THE JAPANESE BOYCOTT.

DANK NOTES AND VENS REJECTED.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 7th May.
Following the example set by the money-changers in Hongkong, those in Canton have now started to boycott Japanese bank-notes and clean yens. At the same time the money-changers here are of the opinion to encourage the circulation of the one-dollar silver pieces recently issued by the Canton Mint as well as the subsidiary coins that have accumulated in the market to a considerable quantity.

ACTION OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT.

The *Japan Chronicle* of 1st inst. says: We learn from a Tokyo message to the *Asahi* that the Japanese Government appears to have at last resolved to take action in regard to the Chinese boycott. The Government, having perceived that the protests of the Consul and the official representations of the Government to the Chinese authorities appear only to offend the people in South China and are fruitless, has issued private instructions to the Governors of Hyogo, Kanagawa, and Nagasaki, suggesting that they utilize the influence of Chinese merchants in Yokohama, Kobe, and Nagasaki with a view to bringing the boycott to an end. On the other hand, the Government has been advising Japanese merchants engaged in trade with China to be cool and indifferent so far as their outward aspect is concerned. The dispatch adds that a certain wealthy merchant who is regarded as the chief of the Kwangtung Chinese in Japan, Liang Chie-chow, a well-known leader of the Chinese revolutionists, while he was taking refuge in Japan, and is most intimately acquainted with the leaders of the movement. It is thought that if certain Chinese are sent to South China to explain that the Chinese merchants themselves will suffer from the boycott and to reconcile the merchants with the revolutionists associated with Liang Chie-chow (who are assisting in stirring up the movement in Hongkong and Kwangtung), a very satisfactory result may be obtained. This plan, however, seems to be difficult to put into operation. (We should think it was.) It is pointed out that Woo Ching-don and Mak Sui-Pan, prominent Chinese merchants of Kobe, since they became naturalized as Japanese subjects, have contributed large sums on several occasions in aid of charity and other Japanese public funds, both during and after the war, and yet—unlike other Japanese—they have received no decoration in recognition of their services. This indifference is said to have given offence to many of the leading Chinese merchants, who, adds the correspondent, cannot be expected to prove themselves very active now in view of the indifference with which their former efforts on behalf of Japan were regarded.

JAPANESE PRESS COMMENT.

Some section of the Japanese Press would appear to have begun to take alarm at the persistence with which the Chinese are pushing forward the boycott movement against Japanese goods, and the rapidly with which the agitation is spreading in China. The *Jiji Shimpō* says that the boycott has not only adversely affected the sale to China of marine products, cotton, and other goods, but the Japanese ships trading to China are also suffering more or less from the effect. That those who lose most from the boycott must be the Chinese people themselves and that the movement will have spent its force in due course if left alone is the opinion held by thoughtful men. It is, however, rather surprising, says the *Jiji*, to hear that the feelings against Japan are being secretly stirred up by some Europeans and Americans for their selfish ends. According to intelligence from Canton the boycott was first started by the Canton Self-Help Society, and it has been enthusiastically aided by the Chinese naval officers who took part in the *Toku-Maru* episode. The movement also seems to be encouraged by some Western merchants in China who are endeavouring to extend the market for their goods by taking advantage of the incident. It is not difficult to imagine that the local authorities at Canton are not particularly active in their efforts to suppress the boycott, though outwardly so acting under instructions from Peking. It is one of the special traits of the Chinese people to form a strong combination for the accomplishment of a declared object. This characteristic, if judiciously made use of, might develop into such a useful institution as local self-government, which should form the basis of a representative system of government. At the same time it harbours germs of disturbances and rebellions which are apt to break out at the slightest provocation. The frequent rise and fall of the reigning government, with instances of which Chinese history abounds, and rebellions and riots which occur in China from time to time, must be attributed to the fact that the weakness of the people is taken advantage of by unscrupulous men for the attainment of their selfish aims.

If the Chinese Government leaves severely alone a movement like the present boycott and its secret instigation on the part of subordinate officials it will be tantamount to conniving at the breeding of dangerous elements which some day might be turned against the Chinese Government itself. Such being the case, it is advisable that the Chinese authorities, for the sake of their own safety if for no other reason, should put it foot vigorously down and suppress a most ill-advised undertaking in which no one would be a greater sufferer than China herself. With regard to the rumour that Western merchants are actively interested in the prosecution of the boycott against Japanese goods, there may be some ground for such an assertion. The Japanese were accused of a similar charge when the boycott against America was in progress. Even though the report may be more or less true there can be nothing to object to foreigners trying to extend the sale of their goods by utilizing any opportunity that may present itself so long as they methodically and honestly do so. The European and American merchants, who are in a better position

of clear foresight and common-sense, are not likely to have recourse to such underhand practices as are laid at their door for the furtherance of their interests.

ALLEGATION AGAINST THE BRITISH PRESS.

The *Maitschi Damo* also discusses this all-absorbing subject. Despite the alleged efforts of the Chinese Government to check the movement and the optimistic views of the Japanese Foreign Office, says this journal, there is no denying the fact that the boycott is spreading like wildfire. It is stated that the Viceroy of Canton, while outwardly professing to be anxious to check the spread of the boycott, is merely taking some means to that end as a matter of form, thus in reality countenancing the movement. It is further said that the boycott is backed up and instigated by some interested parties and that "all the English papers in Canton" (sic) are writing in a manner very injurious to Japanese interests. The fact, remarks the *kyo* journal, that amongst the parties who are supposed to be supporting the boycott there are English men is most regrettable. The Japanese Government ought, to institute inquiries, and if the allegation is well founded should make a representation to the British Government with a view to averting any unpleasantness that may thereby be occasioned between Japan and England.

A Peking message to the *Asahi* states that the majority of foreign representatives in Peking, seeing that their countries have common interests in the matter, show a disposition to help that Japan will take determined action in the matter of the boycott, contrary to the irrefutable attitude (sic) taken by the U.S. Government against the recent boycott of American goods.

We learn from a Tokyo message that Chinese merchants in Yokohama are much distressed in consequence of the boycott and they have been holding meetings to discuss measures for the relief of the situation. It is said that they have vainly appealed to their Consul for assistance, though what he could do is difficult to see. They are also said to have appealed to their customers at home, only to be told that they were placed in a similarly distressing position, having been forced to join the agitation. Nothing could be done but wait with patience. This dispatch adds that Japanese goods are saleable, but customers in China will not accept goods if drafts are not drawn on shipment. Such a course is impossible for Chinese merchants in Yokohama, and they are said to be now reduced to a very critical position.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER RESERVE ASSOCIATION.

The following are the principal scores in the competitions during April, 1908:—

"MAY CUPS."	
"A" Class.	
W. J. I. Gast	32+3=35
A. Jenkins	34 32=34
J. C. Cow	33 32=32
E. S. Carruthers	30+1=31
A. W. J. Watt	28+2=30
"B" Class.	
J. C. Peter	30+4=34
W. L. Leask	29+4=33
H. G. White	27+6=33
W. H. T. Davis	28+4=32
A. Blowsy	26+6=32
"C" Class.	
J. Hutchings	32+3=35
L. Gibbs	26+9=35
"DOUGLAS CUP."	
E. S. Carruthers	58+2=60
A. Blowsy	41+12=55
A. R. Lowe	21+24=45

"POOL" COMPETITIONS.

During April, 1908, pools have been won by:—

L. Hutchings	38+18=56
W. J. J. Gast	31+4=35
E. G. Jordan	29+16=45

On Saturday, and Sunday, the 9th and 10th instant, the May Cups will be shot for at 500 yards, King's Park Range, instead of 200 yards as circulated.

Over-Seas Inter-Colonial Empire Day Rifle Competition.

Saturday, 23rd May, 2 to 5.30, 200 yards, 500 yards and 600 yards King's Park Range.

Empire Day "Over Seas Daily Mail" Competition.

The above competition will take place on Saturday, the 23rd May, at King's Park Range, under the following conditions.

- Seven shots and one sighter at 200, 500 and 600 yards, any position held to target.
- Team to consist of those *band* *band* members of the Association making the best eight aggregate scores on the day fixed.
- Single rules, 1908, to govern the competition.

It is earnestly hoped that as many members as possible will attend, especially those capable of scoring 30 and upwards at either range. Shooting at 200 yards range will commence at 2 p.m., and cease at 3 p.m., when competitors will retire to 500 yards range. Ammunition will be available for purchase on the ground as usual.

Should the weather not permit this competition on 23rd May it will be shot on Monday, 25th May, commencing at 2 p.m.

The Over-Seas Daily Mail will present a Fifty Guinea Challenge Cup to the winning team and medals to members of the first five teams.

POOL.

There will be a Pool Competition on each of the above dates.

JAPANESE SHIPPING SUBSIDIES.

Referring to the extent of the Government

protection given to the shipping business in Japan at the present time, the Tokyo *Nichi-Nichi* observes that the policy of protection or encouragement for shipping pursued by the various countries in the world may be divided into six sections—naval subsidy, subsidy for naval service, tonnage, shipbuilding, navigation, encouragement, and military transport. The method now adopted by Japan is almost identical with the policy followed by France and Italy, allowing subsidies for the transport of mails, extension of steam services, and shipbuilding and navigation encouragement. The total estimate of the shipbuilding subsidies to be granted in Japan for the present fiscal year, as included in the Budget, amounts to ¥13,190,695 (including ¥800,000 to be granted by the Formosan Government). Of the subsidies for steam service extension and steam navigation and shipbuilding encouragement, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha takes about ¥7,000,000 (including a subsidy to the Formosan line, and the services under contract with the Hokkaido Government), the Toyo Kisen Kaisha about ¥1,760,000, and the Osaka Shosen Kaisha about ¥700,000 (including the Formosan line and the Japan Sea service). Details of the building subsidies, which are estimated at ¥13,190,695 in all for the present fiscal year, are as follows, the steam navigation details being given in round figures:—

I.—STEAM SERVICE EXTENSION SUBSIDIES (¥7,463,000).	
1.—Nippon Yusen Kaisha	¥4,283,707
2.—Toyo Kisen Kaisha	1,011,880
3.—Inran China S.S. Co.	80,000
4.—Osaka Shosen Kaisha	491,000
5.—Osa S.S. Co., and A. Kyodo S.S. Co., and Marada Jijiro for calling at certain ports	50,000
6.—Nippon Yusen Kaisha, and eight others for services under contracts with local governments	247,713
7.—Nippon Yusen Kaisha and Osaka Shosen Kaisha for Formosan services	800,000
II.—STEAM NAVIGATION ENCOURAGEMENT SUBSIDY (¥3,485,955).	
1.—Nippon Yusen Kaisha	¥2,102,000
2.—Toyo Kisen Kaisha	750,000
3.—Mitsui Bussan	230,000
4.—Osaka Shosen Kaisha	200,000
5.—Mitsui Bishi	100,000
III.—SHIPBUILDING ENCOURAGEMENT (¥1,995,440).	

The receivers of this subsidy are the Mitsui Bishi Yard at Nagasaki, the Kawasaki Yard at Kobe, and the Osaka Iron Works, but the estimate for this purpose every year falls short of the amount required.

IV.—GRANT FOR TRAINING SEAMEN.

(¥25,000).	
1.—Grant to the Seamen's Relief Society	¥5,000
2.—Grant to the Imperial Sea Distress Assistance Society	20,000

In this connection it may be added that according to the Japanese Press, during last year one battleship, two armoured cruisers, and one second class cruiser were launched at the Imperial Naval Yards, and one dispatch-boat each at the Mitsui Bishi and Kawasaki Yards. The Mitsui Bishi Yard has in hand orders for the construction of vessels representing 80,000 tons in all, including a sister-ship of the "Tenyo" and "Chiyo," and the Kawasaki Yard orders for vessels representing a total of 35,000 tons. The number of vessels built in Japan during last year is given as follows:—

No. of Vessels.	Tonnage.
Imperial Naval Yards	4 53,100
Mitsui Bishi Yard	6 37,698
Kawasaki Yard	13 17,417
Osaka Iron Works	17 6,729
Ishikawajima Yard	6 1,133
Uruga Yard	2 89
Others	100 11,355

—*Fun* *n* *Chronicle*.

FRANCO-BRITISH COMMERCE.

FORTHCOMING DEMONSTRATION IN PARIS.

Paris, April 3.

A potential ambassador to France is evidently Mr. Walter Behrens, the President of the British Chamber of Commerce. A banquet of exceptional importance, having been arranged for to-morrow week at the Hotel Majestic—a vast caravanserai recently erected, and occupying the site of the residence of the late Queen Isabella of Spain—Mr. Behrens (a power in organization) has drawn up lists for the appropriation of the *Elysée*, and has carried through a series of *fees*, which will secure the co-operation of the principal Ministers of France. At the banquet, of which I have spoken, Mr. Lloyd-George will be present, as well as M. Clemenceau, the Premier and Minister of the Interior; M. Pichon, of the Quai d'Orsay; M. Caillaux, Minister of Finance; and M. Louis Cruppi, at the head of the Department of Commerce. It is not often that a single banquet unites five "gros bonnets" of Cabinet rank. There will also be present Sir William Holland, as representing the United Chambers of Commerce of England; Mr. Henniker-Hastoe, so well-known for his zeal for postal reform; and Sir J. C. Lawrence, one of the Manchester Ship Canal, and a collaborator with Mr. Lloyd-George, though sitting on a different side of the House, in the Patente Bill.

FIFTY-MR. LLOYD-GEORGE.

I telegraphed to you to-day, the President of the Republic has placed his box at the Opera at the disposal of Mr. Lloyd-George for the night of Friday, the day of his arrival in Paris and on the following day, extending him: at lunch at the *Elysée*, together with the small company of representatives Englishmen in Paris. In the evening the banquet, taken place at which the Ministers of the British Board of Trade are expected to make an important speech on commercial relations between the two countries.

To-day's Advertisements.

WANTED.

A PORTUGUESE CLERK with a good knowledge of "Bookkeeping" and "Accounts" for a British firm in Taipei, Formosa. Apply to A.I. stating salary required and previous experience.
Hongkong, 8th May, 1908. [485]

NOTICE.

MR. P. NALIN has been appointed ACTING AGENT for Messageries Maritimes and Chargeurs Réunis during my absence from the Colony.
J. MILLET.
Hongkong, 8th May, 1908. [489]

TO LET.

GODOWN No. 1A, DUDDELL STREET.
Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, 8th May, 1908. [49]

linguished guest and his confederates of the French Government will lunch together at the Ministry of Commerce, and, in the evening, there will be a dinner, followed by a reception, at Mr. Behrens' house in the Champs Elysees. On the morrow the British party, much fatigued, no doubt, with continuous feasting, will take train for London. Not the least of the qualifications for Ministerial office in France or England is a cast-iron constitution the ability to stand the racket of several days' unintermittent banqueting. Some optimist members of the Chamber hoped for the presence of the Prince of Wales at one or other of these fêtes, but his Royal Highness is here purely in a private capacity, and is declining all engagements of an official character, save those tendered by the President of the Republic.

PARIS-LONDON RETURN £1.

Artistic posters of a sort to do credit to British printing, and advertising the Franco-Exhibition, are making a sparse and fearful appearance in different parts of the city. The most interesting feature of this end of the enterprise is the attempt of the South Eastern Railway to attract French working people to London. Special tickets, available for one or two days, are being issued during the period of the Exhibition. Third class, there and back, only costs 25 francs (£4). First class is 36 francs 25 centimes (£7 5s) and second class 34 francs 25 centimes (£7 6s 6d). This category of ticket is available for week-ends and by the night service arriving in London at 5.40 a.m. A fortnight can be spent across Channel for a fare of 72 francs 85 centimes (£12 15s), and 37 francs 50 centimes (£6 15s) for the three classes, respectively. The sovereign return ticket is the cheapest thing yet attempted in trans-Channel passenger traffic, and, no doubt, will meet with a large response from Jacques Bonhomme, "ouvrier," and his wife and family.

WHAT PRICE THE HOTEL?

An enterprise of this kind is admirable in an economic and political sense. For the first time, the French working classes will rub shoulders with their British brethren. The great difficulty, however, is the hotel accommodation for the vast crowd of humble and honest foreign workers who may be expected to visit the British metropolis. The "pension" system has not yet been grafted on the British hotel, and the tourist of limited means is left in doubt as to what he will be expected to pay for his board and lodging. If the cheap hotels in London wish to do business with a French "clientele" they must arrange an inclusive tariff, as is done in all the houses of public entertainment here, even those of the highest prices. The vision of slender means wishing to limit his expenditure to half a sovereign or 12s. a day—a price at which he could obtain good accommodation on the Continent—has no guarantee that his hotel bill will be kept within such modest measure. This is clearly a fault that will have to be remedied without delay.

ART AND DIVIDENDS.

The Odéon, or rather its director, M. André Antoine, has been passing through troublous times. He has outdone the *cinéma* in his desire to produce new plays, regardless of cost, and has had to wind up the Odéon company and start afresh. Happily, he has found the necessary backers amongst patrons of theatrical art, so that there is no immediate danger of his directorship coming to an untimely end. In two years he has managed to spend £20,000 on theatrical productions, which is a quite respectable amount for the unfashionable side of the river. M. Antoine probably regrets the day when he left his comfortable little theatre on the Boulevard Sébastopol, and with it, a handsome and safe income. It is difficult to imagine such an institution as the Odéon, so far removed from the centre of things, into life, and of course, the pecuniary question has greatly added to the burden of the undertaking.

Paris seems the home of meteoric and fantastic success in speculation. There is a curious similarity between the *Affaire Rochette* of the Franco-Spanish millions, and the *Affaire Lemoine*, of the manufactured diamonds. The latter is at liberty to-day—at least provisionally—after four months' detention; the former is still held fast by the manacles of the law, but his release is by no means improbable. Both men spring almost suddenly into financial prominence. Lemoine was a canvasser for an advertisement agency before he turned inventor and produced diamonds at will from his crucible, to the sore mystification of Sir Julius Wernher, Rochette, a few years ago, wore the black apron of a café waiter, and before that served as a humble messenger boy. He studied book-keeping, found capitalists to launch him, and started a bank and mining companies. Notwithstanding the charges of falsification against him, there are many to hold him guiltless, or at least to believe in the fortune of his star. These people clamour for his release, in the interests of the under-taking in which they are invested, surely a piquant situation.—*Fun* *n* *Chronicle*.

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

—MENU—

SATURDAY, 9th May, 1908.

DINNER.

HORS D'ŒUVRES.

Eggs à la Russe.

SOUP.

Consommé Royal.

FISH.

Boiled Fish and Parsley Sauce.

ENTREES.

Lamb Cutlets and Green Peas.

Pommes au Veau.

Shrimp Patties.

CURRY.

Pancake.

JOINTS, &c.

Roast Ribs of Beef and Horseradish.

Roast Capon and Broad Sauce.

Boiled Calf's Head and Piquante Sauce.

Cold Game Pie and Beetroot Salad.

SWEETS.

Macaroni Pudding.

Strawberry Ice Cream and Finger Cakes.

Tipty Cake.

Scottish Woodcock.

DESSERT.

Coffee.

Fruits. [488]

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Hongkong, 8th May, 1908. [486]

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THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by

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Hongkong, 8th May, 1908. [487]

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Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the above Ports, on TUESDAY, the 12th instant, at 10 o'clock A.M.

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DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th May, 1908. [491]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"CEYLON,"

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 14th instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which they cannot be recognised.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

F. J. ALBOTT,

Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 8th May, 1908. [47]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"CANDIA,"

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

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Intimations!

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Hongkong, 7th May, 1908. [35]

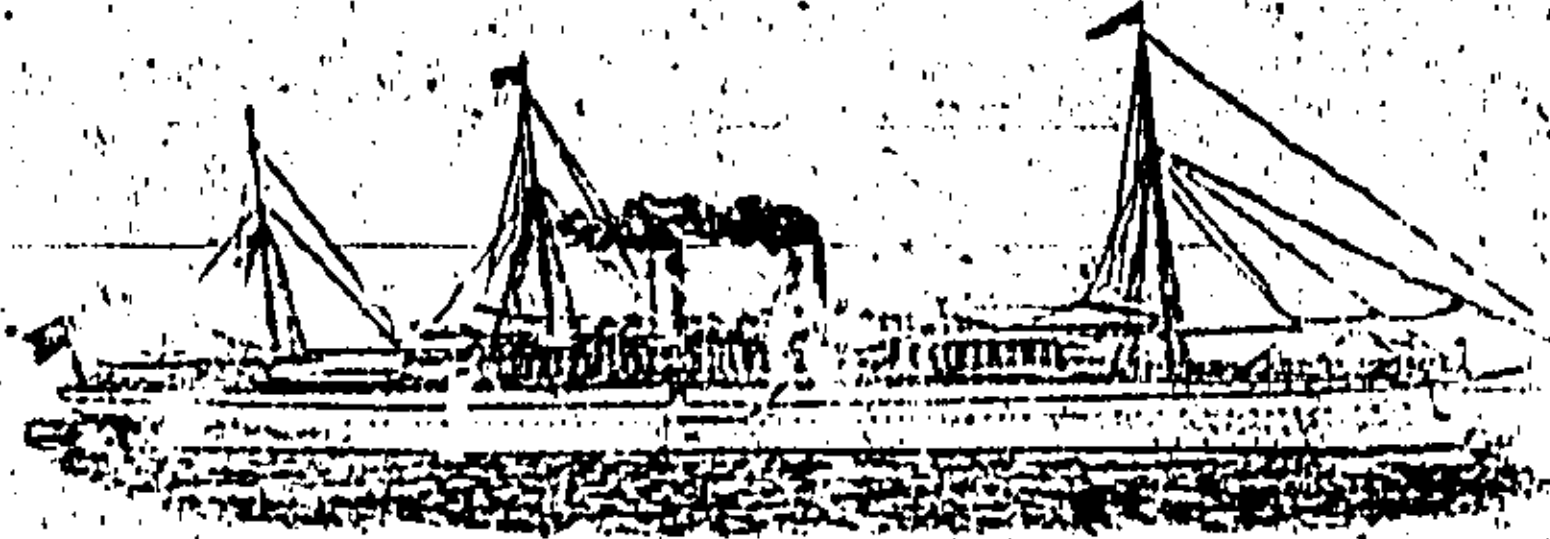
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TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

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Shipping—Steamers.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS	Leave Hongkong	Arrive Vancouver
"GLENFARG".....	WEDNESDAY, May 20th	June 18th
"EMPRESS OF INDIA".....	THURSDAY, June 4th	June 22nd
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN".....	THURSDAY, June 18th	July 17th
"MONTEAGLE".....	SATURDAY, July 11th	Aug. 4th

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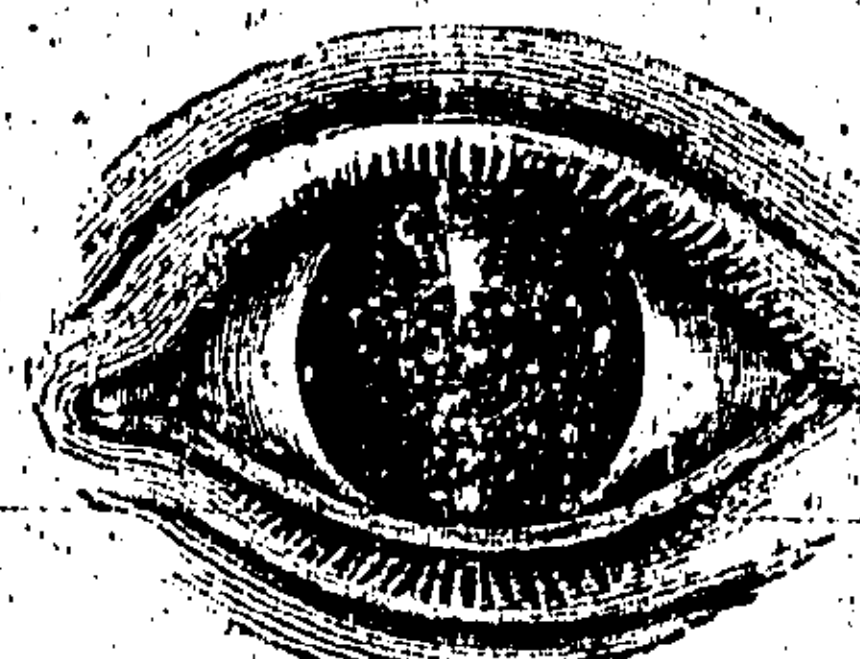
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